

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 26 and 28 are objected to. Applicants have amended Claim 1, 26 and 28 per the Examiner's suggestions. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of Examiner's objection of claims 1, 26 and 28.

Claims 1, 6, 19, 20 and 25-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,651,176 (Soltis); Claims 2, 3, 11-15 and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Soltis in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,407,595 (Huang); claims 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Soltis, Huang and U.S. Patent No. 5,694,607 (Dunstan); claims 5 and 16-18 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Soltis, Huang and U.S. Patent No. 6,512,757 (Niegel); claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Soltis in view of Dunstan; claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC as being unpatentable over Soltis, Dunstan and U.S. Patent No. 6,721,870 (Yochai); and claim 21 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Soltis. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner states that "inherently, the power delivery unit in the broadest interpretation is needed to provide power." Office Action, page 3, paragraph 7. The Examiner further states that "inherently, some clock gating circuit in the broadest interpretation is needed to control clock capacity...to control power delivery to one or more units of the execution pipeline. Office Action pages 5-6, paragraph 18. Finally, the Examiner states that Huang discloses a system wherein the power delivery unit includes a clock gating circuit 13 to control power delivery. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Nowhere does Huang teach or disclose its gating circuit to control power delivery to one or more units of the execution pipeline as required by the independent claims. Nowhere does Huang's gating circuit's signal control any power delivery to any units of the pipeline.

In summary, for the reasons noted above, the claims are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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